



Welcome Back Newsletter

Stay Connected

Welcome back, Crusader families! We hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready for an exciting 2024-2025 school year. Stay connected with us to keep up with all the amazing things happening on campus. While we'll be sending out newsletters twice a month (like this one), the best way to get the latest updates is by following us on social media! Join our online community and stay informed: Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! Our social media channels are the go-to place for highlights from field trips, sports events, student accomplishments, and important school announcements.

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 St. Ann's Academy Kamloops

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Crusader Community is beautiful because so many of our families give us here at St. Ann's Academy the incredible gift of their time! We want to take a moment and thank all of our families for their time and talents.

Please note that **all volunteers** who help out at St. Ann's Academy must have a current Criminal Record Check (CRC) on file at the school office. To learn more about the CRC Process at St. Ann's please reach out by phone at 250-372-5452 Ext. 118 or by email attendance@st-anns.ca to find out more.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

- **Canteen Helpers:** Our elementary students have lunches delivered to their classrooms and our volunteers help make this happen! If you can spare a little extra time around lunch time please reach out attendance@st-anns.ca to be added to the volunteer list.
- **Breakfast for the Needy:** Starting in October our high school campus ministry program will be offering Breakfast for the Needy at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This program is successful due to the support from our parent volunteers. Please watch upcoming school newsletters for dates and volunteer opportunities.
- **St. Ann's Parents Support Group (SAAPSG):** our SAAPSG is in need of Classroom Representatives for all grades from K-12. This role helps liaise between the grade-level representatives, parents, and the SAAPSG.
- **Come Read With Me Program Coordinator and Tutors Needed:** We are looking for parents and community members to help out with the Come Read with Me program for the upcoming school year: SAA is in search of a program coordinator and volunteer tutors to support Grades 1, 2, and 3 students with their reading skills. We welcome parents, grandparents, and anyone from our school community to participate. Time volunteered goes towards your Parent Participation Program (PPP) hours. If you are interested in filling the coordinator or tutor positions, please contact Kim Bojesen, kbojesen@st-anns.ca for more information. No experience is necessary... just your love for children and reading!
- **Hot Dog Lunch at Walkathon:** We need volunteers to help cook and serve hot dogs to our students following the walkathon. If you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Chelsey Tjomsaas at ctjomsaas@st-anns.ca for more information and to sign up

Attendance

To ensure that your child(ren)s absences are properly recorded please make sure you identify your child(ren) by their first and last names and their grade.

- **Planned Absences:**
 - Please reach out as soon as possible by emailing attendance@st-anns.ca with the date(s) your student(s) will be absent.
 - **Appointments:**
 - Please reach out to attendance@st-anns.ca with as much notice as possible to ensure we have your student(s) signed out/marked late. We are unable to sign children out without parent or guardian permission. Email is the best way to ensure this is granted.
 - **Illness:**
 - Make sure to report illness by emailing attendance@st-anns.ca.
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Athletics

- **Volleyball:**
 - Volleyball (Grades 8, Junior, and Senior Boys and Girls) and the Senior Boys Soccer team are kicking off this week! Students will be bringing home their Athletics Forms and Fees that are due as soon as possible.
 - **Stay up to date:**
 - The Athletics Website & Calendar is located [here](#).
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Guitar Club

There's student interest in keeping the guitar club going at St. Ann's Academy, and this year, the club is in need of guitar donations. If you have a guitar gathering dust at home, it would be greatly appreciated! Additional guitars will allow more students to participate. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For donations or any questions, please reach out to Mr. Larson at rlarson@st-anns.ca .

Feeding our Futures

"As busy parents deal with global inflation, school food programs can help reduce the pressure on their wallets while tackling student hunger," said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Working with local schools to make sure our kids are fed and ready to learn will make a real difference for families and communities."

The Province's new *Feeding Futures* funding grant invests in building and expanding local school food programs. St. Ann's Academy has received a grant from the Ministry of Education **with the intention of assisting low-income families who need help to reduce the challenges of rising food costs**. If you would like to self-identify as needing assistance, please fill out the survey found [here](#). Please note all information provided is confidential. Those who were a part of the program last year do not need to reapply.

Drama Club

This year's high school drama production is already getting organized to be staging **Sherlock Holmes, a Victoria murder mystery** in Spring 2025!

- Students in grades 8-12 should email Mr. Beliveau AND come to his room (327) to sign up for an audition spot.
 - Auditions will be the last week of September and rehearsals will begin in October
 - Please get in touch with Mr. Beliveau for more information
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[Library News](#)

- **Elementary Birthday Book Club**
 - Elementary students will be bringing home information about the SAA Birthday Book Club. All **NEW** book donations (valued under \$15.00 - please no board books) must be handed in to the library by Friday, June 6th, 2025. Thank you for your generosity!
- **High School Study Sessions**
 - The library will be open at lunch for high school students (starting Tuesday, Sept. 10th) on the following days:
Tuesdays - Grade 8's and 9's
Thursdays - Grade 10's, 11's, and 12's
Bring your lunch and enjoy a quiet place to work or study!

[BC Transit BusReady Program](#)

BusReady provides engaging and educational resources that help create capable and safe young transit riders who learn about the importance and sustainability of transit.

BC Transit designed the BusReady program to be youth-centric and to encourage learning because they understand that **transit is a life skill**. Plus, children 12 and under ride free, making it even easier for young riders to get involved and start learning!

Their team at BC Transit has developed free and easy-to-use activities, and resources that kickstart learning and build transit riding skills. You can download the free resources on the [BusReady Parents and Guardians Resource Page](#).



**Parent/ Guardian
Checklist**

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**BusReady Online
Course**

[VIEW ALL](#)



**Printable
Emergency
Card**

[VIEW ALL](#)

Face to Face Ministries

The Youth Retreat led by FaceToFace Ministries is back for a 2nd year! Come for two days of fun, keynote talks, practical steps to aid in spiritual growth, small group discussions, Adoration, and more. This annual retreat is meant to help youth go deeper into, or build upon, an existing faith.

Youth Retreat 2024

WHAT: Youth Retreat

WHO: Youth from Grades 8 to 12

WHEN: October 19 to 20, 2024

WHERE: St. James Catholic School

<https://www.rccv.org/events/youth-retreat-2024>

Faith Development

If you would like to learn more about the Faith Development Team or volunteer your time and talent, please contact one of our Faith reps, or send an email to fdt@st-anns.ca!

- Everyone is welcome to join us:
 - Tuesday mornings for prayer in the school Chapel at 8:30 am
 - Wednesday Afternoons at 3 pm in the school chapel to pray the rosary as a community.
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SAA Parent Support Group

Exciting things are happening this year with the St. Ann's Academy Parent Support Group (SAAPSG), previously known as SAPA.

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6:30pm in the St. Ann's Academy Meeting Room.
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Key Dates

- **Sept 25-27:** Eucharistic Miracles at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - **Sept 26:** Elementary Pizza Order Forms Due
 - **Sept 27:** Recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day. **Orange Shirts & Uniform Bottoms**
 - **Sept 30:** National Truth and Reconciliation Day - **School Closed**
 - **Oct 2:** High School Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - **Oct 3:** Elementary Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - **Oct 4:** Crusaderwear Day
 - **Oct 8:** Breakfast for the Needy
 - **Oct 9:** Elementary Pizza Day for students who have preordered
 - **Oct 10:** Staff Retreat - **School Closed**
 - **Oct 11:** Staff Retreat - **School Closed**
 - **Oct 14:** Thanksgiving - **School Closed**
 - **Oct 17:** Walkathon - Details to follow later
 - **Oct 18:** Dress down Day - details to follow
 - **Oct 19:** TRU Open House - details [here](#)
 - **Oct 19-20:** Face to Face Ministry
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Closing Prayer

Almighty God,

Thank you for the beauty and majesty we see in your creation. Thank you for the opportunity to care for the world you have made. We ask that your blessing would rest on this team, that you would give us great vision and enthusiasm for our work. Please bless the efforts of our hands, the bonds between us and the influence of our work in this location and beyond. Lord, as we plan and share together now, may you guide us by your Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth. Amen

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Come Read with Me

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Do you have **2 HOURS A WEEK** during school hours to read one-on-one with young students?

- No experience is necessary, but you must have good English language skills
- We provide free training and ongoing support
- Tutors read with 3 elementary students for 30 minutes each, once a week for 12 weeks



Volunteer Training

Tuesday, October 1 9:00am-12:00pm	Monday, October 7 5:30pm-8:30pm
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Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent

Please register by contacting Cami at cami.literacyinkamloops@gmail.com or 250-573-1785